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Changes of dates for sessions of subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council in 1995

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In its decision 1993/231 of 16 July 1993, the Economic and Social Council approved the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1994 and 1995 in the economic, social and related fields (E/1993/L.20/Rev.1 and Rev.1/Corr.1). When the dates of a conference or meeting listed in the calendar and approved by the Council need to be changed, the Council is informed of the matter and requested to take a decision approving the change. Such changes are often announced by the President of the Council at the end of the Council's substantive session.

2. The Secretary-General is of the view that, given the complexity of the calendar of meetings and conferences for 1995 and the number of changes of meeting dates that have been requested, a more formal process is called for. The present note outlines the changes requested and the reasons for them and presents, for the consideration of the Council, a draft decision on the question.

Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development

3. Should the Council adopt draft decision I recommended by the Committee in paragraph 2 of its report (E/1994/25), a special session of the Committee would be held for 10 days in February/March 1995. Since it is a special session, the meeting is not listed in the 1995 calendar. The dates proposed are 6 to 17 February.

Open-ended working group on the review of consultations with non-governmental organizations

4. The working group, which was established pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/80 of 30 July 1993, held its first session from 20 to 23 June 1994. (For the report of the working group on that session, see A/49/215-E/1994/99.) Pursuant to the draft resolution contained in the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (see E/1994/111, para. 1), the working group would hold a second session early in 1995. The dates proposed for the second session are 21 to 24 February.

Population Commission

5. The 1994-1995 calendar did not specify dates for the twenty-eighth session of the Population Commission, but listed only "February/March 1995". The dates proposed are 21 February to 2 March.

Statistical Commission

6. In paragraph 2 of the report of the Statistical Commission on its special session (E/1994/29), it is drawn to the attention of the Council that the twenty-eighth session of the Commission should be convened for a period of five working days on a trial basis, rather than eight working days as in previous years. The dates proposed for the twenty-eighth session are 27 February to 3 March 1995.

Inter-sessional working groups of the Commission on Sustainable Development

7. No dates were listed in the 1995 calendar for the meetings of the two working groups. It is proposed that one working group meet from 27 February to 3 March and that the other meet from 6 to 10 March.

Commission on Human Rights

8. In its decision mentioned in paragraph 1 above, the Council decided that the fifty-first session of the Commission would be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 30 January to 10 March 1995. However, the Council has received a letter from the Chairman of the Commission (E/1994/106), in which he transmits the suggestion that the dates be changed to 13 March to 21 April. It is the view of the Secretary-General that further consultations are needed before determining the dates for that session of the Commission.

Commission on Narcotic Drugs

9. The 1994-1995 calendar did not list specific dates for the thirty-eighth session of the Commission. It is proposed that the session should be held from 14 to 22 March 1995.

Commission on the Status of Women

10. At its thirty-eighth session, the Commission adopted a draft resolution entitled "Preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for

Equality, Development and Peace" (see E/1994/27, chap. I.C, resolution 38/10). In paragraph 17 of that resolution the Commission recommended to the Council that the thirty-ninth session should be extended by one week and that the dates for the session should be 15 March to 4 April 1995.

Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

11. The host Government has proposed that the Ninth Congress take place from 3 to 14 April 1995, with pre-Congress consultations to take place on 1 and 2 April.

Commission for Social Development

12. In paragraph 12 of the annex to its resolution 33/1 (see E/1993/24), the Commission requested that the Council consider modifying the dates of its thirty-fourth session, which had been scheduled to be held from 14 to 28 February 1995. Subsequently, the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development, in its decision 9 (see A/48/24, annex II), recommended that the Council postpone that session of the Commission until after the conclusion of the Summit, which is to take place from 6 to 12 March 1995. It is proposed that the thirty-fourth session of the Commission be held from 10 to 20 April 1995.

Commission on Sustainable Development

13. In order to accommodate the meetings of working groups and other ancillary events in preparation for the third session of the Commission and to avoid an overlap with the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, which is scheduled to be held at Berlin from 28 March to 7 April 1995, the dates 10 or 17 to 28 April are proposed. The Council will recall that the Commission is mandated to have an annual session of two or three weeks.

Resumed organizational session of the Council

14. Without prejudice to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 45/264, it is proposed that the resumed organizational session of the Council be held on 4 and 5 May 1995.

15. The Secretary-General submits to the Council, for its consideration, the following draft decision:

Changes of dates for meetings and conferences in the economic, social and related fields to be held in 1995

The Economic and Social Council decides that:

(a) The special session of the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development will be held at Headquarters from 6 to 17 February 1995;

(b) The second session of the Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Arrangements for Consultations with Non-Governmental Organizations will be held at Headquarters from 21 to 24 February 1995;

(c) The twenty-eighth session of the Population Commission, which was to have been held at Headquarters for 8 days in February/March 1995, will be held from 21 February to 2 March 1995;

(d) The twenty-eighth session of the Statistical Commission, which was to have been held at Headquarters from 22 February to 3 March 1995, will be held from 27 February to 3 March 1995;

(e) The 1995 sessions of the Inter-sessional Ad Hoc Working Groups of the Commission on Sustainable Development on Sectoral Issues and on Finance will be held at Headquarters from 27 February to 3 March 1995 and from 6 to 10 March 1995, respectively;

(f) The dates of the fifty-first session of the Commission on Human Rights will be determined following further consultations;

(g) The thirty-eighth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, which was to have been held at the United Nations Office at Vienna for 8 days in April 1995, will be held from 14 to 23 March 1995;

(h) The thirty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, which was to have been held at Headquarters from 13 to 24 March 1995, will be held from 15 March to 4 April 1995;

(i) The Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders will be held from 3 to 14 April 1995, with pre-Congress consultations to be held on 1 and 2 April 1995;

(j) The thirty-fourth session of the Commission for Social Development, which was to have been held at Headquarters from 14 to 28 February 1995, will be held from 10 to 20 April 1995;

(k) The third session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, which was to have been held at Headquarters from 3 to 14 or 21 April 1995, will be held from 10 or 17 to 28 April 1995;

(l) Without prejudice to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 45/264, the resumed organizational session of the Economic and Social Council for 1995 will be held on 4 and 5 May 1995.